

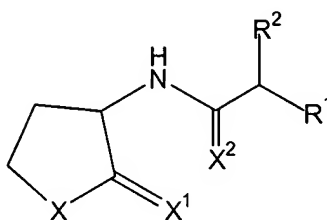
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 1-108. Please add new claim 109-124.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 1. - 108. (Canceled)

1 109. (New) A compound having the structure:



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3 wherein,

4 R¹ is a member selected from hydrogen, -OH, and (=O);

5 R² is a member selected from reactive functional groups, alkyl groups

6 terminally substituted with a reactive functional group and internally

7 substituted alkyl groups terminally substituted with a reactive

8 functional group wherein said alkyl groups terminally substituted with

9 a reactive functional group and said internally substituted alkyl groups

10 terminally substituted with a reactive functional group are substituted

11 with a reactive functional group which is a member selected from

12 -OR³, -NHR⁴, -COR⁵, -SH and -CH₂X³ wherein,

13 -OR³ is a member selected from hydroxyl, and a species such

14 that -OR³ is a leaving group;

15 R⁴ is a member selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆

16 substituted alkyl, aryl and substituted aryl groups;

17 R⁵ is a member selected from hydrogen, X³ and -OR⁶, wherein

18 R⁶ is a member selected from hydrogen, and a species

19 such that -OR⁶ is a leaving group; and

20 X³ is a halogen;

21 X is -NH-; and

22 X^1 and X^2 are members independently selected from O and S.

1 110. (New) The compound according to claim 109, wherein R^2 is an
2 internally substituted alkyl group terminally substituted with a reactive functional group.

1 111. (New) The compound according to claim 110, wherein the alkyl group
2 is internally substituted with a functional group that is a member selected from -OH, (=O)
3 and combinations thereof.

1 112. (New) The compound according to claim 109, wherein the compound
2 is a single stereoisomer.

1 113. (New) The compound according to claim 109, wherein the alkyl and
2 the internally substituted alkyl groups are members selected from C_1 - C_{20} saturated straight-
3 chain, C_1 - C_{20} saturated branched-chain, C_1 - C_{20} unsaturated straight-chain, C_1 - C_{20} unsaturated
4 branched-chain alkyl and internally substituted alkyl groups.

1 114. (New) The compound according to claim 113, wherein the alkyl and
2 internally substituted alkyl groups are members selected from C_5 - C_{10} saturated straight-chain,
3 C_5 - C_{10} saturated branched-chain, C_5 - C_{10} unsaturated straight-chain, C_5 - C_{10} unsaturated
4 branched-chain alkyl and internally substituted alkyl groups.

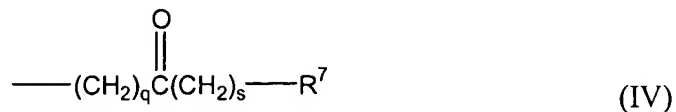
1 115. (New) A compound according to claim 109, wherein R^2 has the
2 structure:



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4 wherein,
5 R^7 a reactive functional group; and
6 n is a number from 1 to 20, inclusive.

1 116. (New) The compound according to claim 115, wherein n is a number
2 from 2 to 9, inclusive.

117. (New) A compound according to claim 109, wherein R² has the structure:



wherein,

R⁷ is a reactive functional group; and

q and s are numbers independently selected from 1 to 20, inclusive.

118. (New) The compound according to claim 117, wherein s is a number from 2 to 9, inclusive.

119. (New) The compound according to claim 109, wherein R³ is



wherein,

R⁸ is a member selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl and substituted aryl groups.

120. (New) The compound according to claim 109, wherein R⁶ is a member selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocyclyl and substituted heterocyclyl groups.

121. (New) A compound according to claim 109, wherein R² has the structure:



wherein,

R⁷ is a reactive functional group; and

n is a number from 1 to 20, inclusive.

1 **122.** (New) The compound according to claim 121, wherein n is a number
2 from 2 to 9, inclusive.

1 **123.** (New) The compound according to claim 109, wherein R² is a member
2 selected from -COOH, -OH, -NH₂, and -SH.

1 **124.** (New) The compound according to claim 121, wherein R⁷ is a member
2 selected from -COOH, -OH, -NH₂, and -SH.